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Big Freshman Class Shines With STARS

The largest freshman class in seven years, 190 students, poured onto Wesleyan's campus September 3.

According to Burton E. Fite, Wesleyan's Director of Admissions, the 1974 freshman enrollment is 62 per cent higher than 1973's 118 students.

Fifty-seven per cent of the 1974 Purple Knight class are from Georgia, 30 per cent from Florida, four per cent from Alabama and three per cent from South Carolina. Remaining freshmen are from North Carolina, Texas, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The mean freshman high school grade point average out of a possible 4.0 maximum is 3.3. In comparison to mean national statistics on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for females, Wesleyan freshman scores range 50 points higher in both the verbal and mathematical categories. The mean Wesleyan verbal SAT score is 492, while the national score is 442. The mean Wesleyan mathematical score is 509 while the national is 459.

Besides having more STAR students enrolled in her freshman class than any other private college or university in the state, Wesleyan has also enrolled three National Merit scholars, 31 Wesleyan Scholars, 22 Pierce Scholars and 21 Wesleyan fine arts talent award winners.



Three freshmen enjoy Veterropt with Burton Fite: (L to R) Jamie Bestland, West Palm Beach; Mary Lou Pratt, Winter Park, Fla., and Deb Hinson, Atlanta.

The total "full-time" student body enrollment has increased by 13 per cent from 1973. In 1973 the total Wesleyan enrollment was 400. In 1974 the total "full-time" student enrollment is 531.

The combined efforts of alumnae, students, faculty, administrative and admissions staff are responsible for the recruitment of the 1974 class, Mr. Fite said.

Mrs. Yoshida Feted

Wesleyan entertained Mrs. Ta-dao Yoshida at a luncheon in the Manget Dining Room Oct. 16. The wife of the founder of YKK Industries of Japan was in Macon for the dedication of the new YKK zipper plant.

"Wesleyan has traditionally had an interest in Japan through our exchange students from International Christian University," said President Strickland. "We were delighted to have this distinguished lady on our campus."

Merchants' Festival

A Merchants' Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Council of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce was held on campus the first Saturday of the new school year.

An abbreviated class schedule allowed students to meet 21 members of the council, to see their wares, register for prizes, enjoy popcorn, candy, and cold drinks.

Coordinators of the festival, first of its kind in Macon, were Roy Campbell, chairman; Sid Cherry, of the Chamber, and Maude Bradley Lee, Macon alumna.

Alumnae giving \$100 or more to the Loyalty Fund will become Charter members of the 1836 Club. The fiscal year for the Alumnae Association ends June 30th. Join by then!

NEW APPOINTEES STRENGTHEN FACULTY

Further strengthening Wesleyan's program for training teachers Dr. Charles D. Foust has been appointed professor of education and chairman of the Department of Education, announced President W. Earl Strickland.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Dr. Foust earned his MA and PhD from Ohio State University. He served as chairman of the Developmental Learning Center Construction Program of the Columbus, Ohio, public schools, also supervisor of program innovation there. This past year he directed the reading program in the Department of Education at Mercer. He was research session speaker this year at the International Reading Association's annual meeting; the year before he was clinic speaker for the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English. A reading specialist he is technical advisor to the Georgia Right to Read Program.

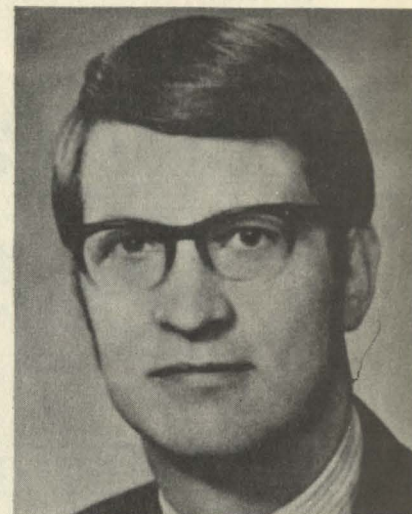
Dr. Ernestine Bledsoe, for years head of the department, remains on the faculty as professor of education and psychology.

Dr. Bill Prince, MEd (Spanish) and PhD (Romance Languages) from UGA, where he has taught the past two years, is now acting chairman and assistant professor of foreign languages.

His wife, Dr. Judith S. Prince, has been named director of counseling. She was employed in the Career Planning and Placement Office at UGA, is a frequent speaker at national seminars. Dr. Prince wrote the "Decision and Outcome" material for the Education Testing Service at Princeton University.

Two additions to the Department of Science and Mathematics are David Maloney of Athens, Ohio (science), and Patricia Hardeman Lewis, of Macon (biology). Mr. Maloney has a BS from Louisville and MS from Ohio State. A graduate of Wesleyan, Mrs. Lewis has the MS from Georgia College at Milledgeville, has taught part-time at Wesleyan.

Two other Wesleyan graduates have joined the Department of Music faculty, Karen R. Davis and Carol (Casey) Thurman. The former, MM UGA, teaches music education and music therapy



DR. FOUST

having worked as a music therapist with the S.C. Department of Mental Retardation Coastal Center in Ladson, S.C., "Casey", MM U of Illinois, teaches voice. She studied voice in Europe and sang with the Teatre Ander Vien in Austria, also in USA. Last year she was a teaching assistant at Illinois.

Dr. Denham Gerstung, an accomplished violinist, teaches music theory and strings. His degrees are from American Conservatory of Music, with a doctorate of Music Education from Oklahoma U.

1974 WESLEYAN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Wesleyan College begins its 139th year of operation with arrival of new students for registration and Orientation. Largest freshman class in seven years.
- 7 Macon Downtown Merchants' "Get Acquainted Festival"
- 10 Opening Assembly of Faculty and Students; President Strickland speaker
Meeting of Historical Committee, Wesleyan Alumnae Assn.
- 11 Wesleyan Women Salad Supper at the Stricklands'
- 13 Faculty Workshop on Women's Studies and Student Leadership Conference
- 18 League of Women Voters in Benson Room
- 21 Freshman Rat Day
- 22 Ice Cream sundaes at Dean Schafer's

OCTOBER

- 8 Garden Clubs of Georgia, Camellia District, in Oval Hall of Candler Alumnae Center
- 10 Macon Morning Music Club in Benson Room
- 10, 11, 12 Wesleyan Drama Dept. opens season with "Ladies in Retirement"
- 11 Central Georgia Assn. of Librarians, coordinated by Librarian Tena Roberts
- 16 Luncheon in Manget Dining Room honoring Mrs. Tadao Yoshida, of Japan
- 17 Atlanta Club Needlecraft Fair
- 22 Lamar Lecture — Dr. Ann Firor Scott, historian, Duke U

- 22 Alumnae Council, Alumnae Board of Managers
- 23 Fall Convocation, Dr. Scott speaker
- 24 Trustees Meeting
- 25-26 Father-Daughter Weekend
- 31 Concert, Virginia Hutchinson, Porter Auditorium

NOVEMBER

- 9 Foreign Language Assn. of Georgia (FLAG), Dr. Bill Prince, Coordinator
- 10 Piano Recital, Edward Eikner, Porter Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 13 Macon Community Concert, Frederica von Stade, Porter Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 14 Macon Morning Music Club
- 15, 16 Homecoming, with dance off campus
- 21 Georgia United Methodist Committee on Higher Education, and Campus Ministry, Benson Room
- 21, 22, 23 Drama Dept. play
- 22 SAI Initiation
- 26 Thanksgiving holidays begin

DECEMBER

- 7 Wesleyan Women Dinner, Idle Hour Club
- 13 Christmas holidays begin

JANUARY

- 5 Dormitories open for January Term
- 6 Classes begin

Local Civic Leaders On New Associates Board

The Wesleyan Board of Associates has been created with the appointment of sixteen Macon business, professional, and civic leaders as charter members to serve two years.

According to President W. Earl Strickland it will help Wesleyan to contribute more to the economic and social development of the region and to develop innovative programs to meet the needs of area students.

Serving on the board are Newton Anderson, president of Central Tire Company; Tom Bass, attorney; Derry Burns, president, Burns Brick Company; Don Carter, executive editor Macon Telegraph and News; Eugene Dunwody, president, Dunwody & Associates; William O. Faulkner, executive vice president, Citizens & Southern National Bank, who will act as chairman.

Also Mrs. James F. Hall (Katherine Terry), Wesleyan alumna and civic leader; Bill Hambright, vice president and general manager, Atlanta Gas Light Company; Marion Liles, Jr., vice president, First National Bank; Mrs. R. L. McCommon (Frances Callaway), vice president, Macon Alumnae Club; Mrs. William W. McCowen (Virginia McClellan), former national president, Wesleyan Alumnae Association; William S. Manning, president, Bibb Company; Bud Moss, vice president, Georgia Power Company; Hubert M. Ponder, executive vice president, First National Bank; Albert Reichert Jr., attorney; Robert M. Young, president, Cornell-Young.

R. L. Qualls, Wesleyan Vice President and Director of Special Services, will work with the board.

SEEK CHALLENGERS

The search for Challengers is starting again in the Alumnae Loyalty Fund drive.

Challengers are alumnae—last year there were forty—who agree to contribute \$10 for each percentage point increase by contributors. The past fiscal year the increase was 8%.

The goal this year is 35%, national average for women's colleges. Even a \$1.00 gift raises the percentage, which is aimed not at amount, but at participation.

Challengers for 1975 will be asked to pay \$10 for every percentage point raised over 18% up to 35%, \$170 if the goal is reached.

A telephone campaign to interest Challengers is set Nov. 15-Dec. 15, under the direction of Laura Sullivan Barkley, alumnae treasurer and director of Loyalty Fund.

Telephone chairmen will operate in Athens, Albany, Americus, Augusta, Brunswick, Columbus, Gainesville, Griffin, LaGrange, Marietta, Newnan, Perry, Rome, Savannah, Statesboro, Thomas-ton, Tifton, Valdosta and Waycross.

North Cape Cruise

A 1975 North Cape Cruise is being sponsored jointly by the alumni associations of Wesleyan College and the University of Georgia.

The group will fly to Copenhagen July 16 for several days before boarding the elegant Royal Viking Sea for a two weeks cruise among islands and fjords to the Land of the Midnight Sun, with shore trips provided.

Music Magazine Names Eikner "Bright Talent"

Edward Eikner, assistant professor of music at Wesleyan, was chosen by **High Fidelity/Musical America** magazine on its 1974 roster of a dozen "Young Artists: Bright talents coming up . . . new names to watch for." The July issue published a picture with the caption: "Edward Eikner, pianist, is a Texan who completed graduate studies at Eastman. He worked in Yugoslavia on a Fulbright, has performed with the Belgrade and Dubrovnik symphonies, and next season with Atlanta. NYC debut 1974-75."

Mr. Eikner was soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra for



Eikner with good friend, Alicia de Larrocha, when famed pianist played for Community Concerts last March.

two performances in Symphony Hall in July. He played the Beethoven Fantasia in C Minor, with Robert Shaw conducting, and was awarded a standing ovation by the enthusiastic audience. He is scheduled to appear with the same orchestra in Atlanta and at Wesleyan in April. His faculty recital is set for Sunday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m. in Porter Auditorium.

ALUMNAE OFFICE
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I am interested in the 1975 North Cape Cruise sponsored by the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association and University of Georgia Alumni Society.
Please send details.

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News Of Wesleyan

A faculty workshop on women's studies was correlated with a student leadership conference Sept. 11-12. The latter, designed for officers of clubs and other organizations, was participated in by student leaders from Macon area high schools and other area women's colleges.

Programs for both workshops were led by Sheila Tobias, associate provost of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. and pioneer in women's studies (she was Commencement speaker last May), and Dr. Sharon Lord, of the University of Tennessee, a leader in the area of behavioral sciences.

Ms. Tobias spoke on decisions making and Dr. Lord discussed group dynamics and motivation.

Dr. Judith Prince, director of counseling at Wesleyan, led a group in a session on leadership tools and spoke at a joint night session.

"The workshops are just a beginning", said Dean Joyce Schafer, coordinator of the program. "These participants from Wesleyan will be guided through the year in a study program to give them the tools of leadership."

October has been a busy month for Wesleyan alumnae, with Council meeting in the Candler Alumnae Center Oct. 23, and area meetings in eight cities.

Repeated by popular demand, the skit, "This is Where it All Began", first given Alumnae Weekend, was read at Council by Helen Farmer Popejoy, Mary Pate Hatfield, and Ada Parsons.

Chairmen of area groups were Charlotte Thomas Marshall, Athens; Lilly Lake Stephenson, Augusta; Emmie Carlton Johnson, Statesboro; Jean Cone Snooks, Ailey; Flo Williams Douglas, Brunswick; Jane Wilkins Anthony, Valdosta; Frances Sinback Campbell, Thomasville; Mary Jo Cawley McGee, Albany, and Jane Shearouse Metts, Dublin.

Prospective student parties are being scheduled by alumnae groups in conjunction with the Admissions Office. Burton Fite, Director of Admissions, encourages alumnae to contact him or the Alumnae Office at their earliest opportunity so that arrangements can be made well in advance. Dates in January should be given priority, as this is the best time for Admissions staff and Wesleyan students to travel. Entertainment can be provided by the Washboard Band or The Wesleyannes.

Reminder: Alumnae are urged to submit names of prospective students to Dr. Strickland and/or Mr. Fite immediately. Please list complete addresses, phone numbers, high school attended, and year of graduation, if possible.

Through the generosity of the Macon community and other friends thirty-five members of the Wesleyan Glee Club participated in the Vienna Symposium for American Choral Directors in Austria June 13-26. Of the schools invited this year Wesleyan was the only one able to attend and the first women's choir ever to participate.

Anthony Rice, art faculty, was the only Southern artist at the opening of Wright State University's museum in Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 10. His 12-foot steel sculpture was titled "Shoe and Snake". He also displayed at "National Sculpture 74" in Knoxville, to go to 14 USA museums, and is included in the High Museum invitational show, Atlanta, for a month, opening Nov. 16.

A Saturday night dance in the grand Oval Hall of the Candler Alumnae Center was scheduled as the climax of the first Father-Daughter Weekend, Oct. 25-27.

The White House is accepting applications for the 11th class of White House Fellows, to serve in 1975-76 as assistants to White House officials and Cabinet officers and participate in an educational program. USA citizens between 23 and 35 may apply until Dec. 2. For information write Dean Joyce Schafer or the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D.C. 20415.



Leadership Conference
Students participate in workshop
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